

CONGRESS IS READY TO ASSUME CHARGE OF MOUNT VERNON

Whipple Says Lawmakers Have Given Assurances of Support.

"I have been assured by leaders in Congress, that if the members of the Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association will indicate they are ready to part with the Mt. Vernon property, Congress will make provision for taking over the property and maintaining it without charging visitors a fee," said F. R. Whipple, attorney for the anti-fee association, today.

The resolution introduced in the House yesterday by Congressman Cary of Wisconsin, providing for an investigation of conditions at Mt. Vernon is exactly in line with what Mr. Whipple thinks ought to be done. The resolution provides for the appointment of a special committee which shall examine the financial record of the association, and ascertain the probable cost of taking over the property.

The anti-fee campaign has brought out the statement that there is a very close connection between the Mt. Vernon Association and the boat line plying between Washington and Mt. Vernon. The round-trip rate by boat was, a few years ago, 50 cents. This included admission to the grounds.

The rate is 25 cents. Of this sum the Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association receives 40 cents, 25 cents for admission to the grounds and 15 cents for wharfage, boats landing at a dock which is owned by the association. The boat company receives only 25 cents.

Mr. Whipple protests against the big salary roll that is maintained at Mt. Vernon. Beginning with the superintendent at a salary of \$5,000 a year there are a host of lesser officials whose salaries amount to about \$25,000 a year. The attorney of the anti-fee association will go to Richmond, Wednesday, to have a meeting with a committee of the assembly to urge the investigation of affairs at Mt. Vernon.

Boy Scouts Demonstrate First Aid to Injured

Practical knowledge of "first aid to the injured" came handy to some of the thirty Boy Scouts of the Emory School patrol who went out on a hike yesterday that took them nearly to Great Falls. When the most distant point in their trip had been reached in game of "hare and hounds" was started. The hills and bluffs on the Virginia side of the Potomac were still ice-covered in spots, and a half dozen youngsters were bruised and shaken up while tumbling, sliding, and falling in the snow. Their wounds, quickly bandaged by their minor wounds. None of the boys was seriously injured.

The party of scouts left Washington at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. They walked from the Emory School to Georgetown, and then took the tow path, which they followed until 4 o'clock, when they stopped for lunch. They then followed the Potomac to "Chain Bridge." After the game of "hare and hounds," the party returned to Georgetown, most of the boys resolutely continuing their tramp to their homes.

During these trips the boys are made familiar with Boy Scout regulations, and are given practical tests in woodcraft, trailing, first aid, and other accomplishments taught by the patrol leaders and scout masters.

Columbia Hospital Praised by Patient

Striking testimony to the efficiency of Columbia Hospital has been received in a letter from a former patient, according to the board of visitors, who will use the substance of the letter as a document in the campaign to receive a continuance of aid from Congress for this, the only women's hospital in the District.

This letter is written by a woman who was in the hospital on two occasions, once as a private pay patient and a later time in one of the wards for which the Government has paid a per diem to the hospital.

"I can testify," says the letter, "that I received even better, and more careful treatment when I was in Columbia the second time as a charity patient than when I was better off financially and paying my own way. I was never expected to suffer the second time, and it seems to me to prove that Columbia Hospital is pretty nearly unique among hospital institutions."

Moving Pictures Show Washington Boy Scouts

During this week the moving pictures of the Boy Scouts, reviewed by President Taft, Major General Baden-Powell, and Ambassador James Bryce from the portico of the White House, will be exhibited, the first exhibition being made at Cleveland tomorrow night. Baden-Powell will be in Cleveland tomorrow night, where he will be joined by James E. West, formerly of Washington, who will make the trip across the country in company with the distinguished Britisher.

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MYSTERY ABOUT REPORTED FIGHT OF DEUT. BLOOM

Officers Silent as to Story of Proposed Court-Martial.

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quarters, and of the serious nature of the charge against him—a verdict of guilty means his dismissal from the army—created much excitement at Fort Myer today.

Some still also was created among War Department officials, and prominent Hebrews eagerly sought for detailed word of the situation. Few of these last care to comment, as yet, on the story, because the chief friend of Mr. Bloom was out of the city. This is Simon Wolf. He and Rabbi Ahym Simon led in an appeal to President Taft for Bloom at the time of Colonel Garrard's report.

War Department officials said this morning the Bloom court-martial matter would not come before them and that the regular routine in the matter of preferring charges of ordering and holding court unquestionably will be followed in this case.

Officers of the army unanimously expressed regret today that the present matter has come up just at this time. The army is getting too much unfavorable publicity in their feeling. "What with the Ray case, the retirement of General Anzures, the argument in Congress over the Hay reorganization bill, and the prospective Congressional inquiry into the line and staff altercation, the army is suffering greatly," say men who have its interest at heart.

Simon Wolf Says Bloom Story Came As Surprise to Him

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Simon Wolf, of Washington, who is on a visit here, declared today that the news that Lieutenant Bloom is in trouble, comes as a surprise to him. Mr. Wolf says he has received quite a number of letters from Lieutenant Bloom since he received his commission and went to Fort D. A. Russell, and that in all of these letters Bloom said that he was happy and contented and being treated royally.

Announce Series of Public Health Lectures

Under the joint auspices of the Woman's Clinic and the American Medical Association a lecture will be given Tuesday at 3 o'clock by Dr. Elmore C. Polkman at the Brookland School. The topic will be "How to Tell to Children the Story of the Origin of Life." The lecture evening at 8 o'clock at the Public Library, Dr. William Reeves will talk on the care of drowning to the Federation Class in First Aid.

Washington Pastor Goes to Cincinnati

The Rev. Charles Lewis Nebel, pastor of the Eastern Presbyterian Church since 1908, today resigned his place, to accept a call to the Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church, in Cincinnati, Ohio. After the morning services the membership of the church here was called together, and their pastor read them his formal resignation. The resignation did not come as a surprise, for Dr. Nebel has been here several weeks, and the call to the church in Cincinnati, and early in February was expected from his duties here for a week in order to go to the Ohio city to look over the field.

Swift & Company's sales of Fresh Beef in Washington for the week ending Saturday, February 17, 1912, averaged 8.5 cents per pound.—Adv.

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REFUSES IMMUNITY TO SCHIFF AND GANS IN BRANDT SCANDAL

District Attorney Will Not Give Capitalist Chance to Go Before Grand Jury.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Foreboding measures taken by the district attorney to get possession of the four letters said to be held by Howard S. Gans, counsel for Mortimer Schiff, whose one time valet, Foulke E. Brandt, is waiting the result of a hearing on a habeas corpus writ of his thirty-year sentence on a charge of bribery.

Three of the letters were found in Brandt's room following his arrest, and the fourth was written by him after he had been sentenced to prison. According to information obtained today, there is a likelihood that the three letters found in Brandt's room will be voluntarily turned over to the district attorney, but the case written from prison is being withheld. It is said that an offer of this letter has been made, but with the condition that both Mr. Gans and Mr. Schiff be permitted to appear before the grand jury, which would give them immunity.

Offer Is Refused. The district attorney has refused to accept this offer and he was informed that in order to get the letter he would have to issue a subpoena duces tecum. This action, it was learned, would give both Mr. Gans and Mr. Schiff the right to appear before the grand jury. Delaney Nicol, who is acting as counsel for Mr. Gans and Mr. Schiff, has advised his clients that he will not call before the grand jury, but that he will continue to fight the case in court.

Will Ask Indictments. Judge Richard Hand, Governor's chief special commissioner to investigate the Brandt case, has informed the district attorney that he will not call before the grand jury, but that he will continue to fight the case in court.

Husband and Wife Are Killed by Gas

ERIE, Pa., Feb. 18.—The bodies of H. C. Grayburn and his wife were found in a small workshop here. They had been dead for hours. From the position of the bodies, it is thought Mrs. Grayburn was overcome by fumes from a gas stove and her husband had fallen while attempting to rescue her.

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GIRL PIONEER TROOP WILL BE ORGANIZED AT THE NOEL HOUSE

Mrs. Wainwright and Mrs. Moss Are Promoting Organization in Capital.

Washington's Boy Scouts soon are to have their proper feminine complement. A troop of Girl Pioneers is to be organized at Noel House, and it is expected that other troops will be formed later. Mr. Richard Wainwright, wife of Admiral Wainwright, and Mrs. Frank Moss, both Noel House workers, are among the women promoting the organization of the first troop.

Mrs. E. S. Gillilan, wife of the resident director of Noel House, will go to New York Tuesday to be present at a meeting of the National Girl Pioneer organization, where Mrs. Gillilan will acquire proper credentials for the Washington branch and copies of the manual used.

Girl pioneers are taught first aid and are required to take a comprehensive pledge as to personal conduct. The directors of Noel House will meet Tuesday afternoon to take action on the matter of a successor to Director Gillilan, whose resignation takes effect March 1. Mrs. Gillilan was struck in the eye by a cloud, blown by one of the Noel Boy Scouts. Her eye-glasses and particles of glass were imbedded in the eyeball. He and Mrs. Gillilan plan to leave the city for some time.

Mrs. Moss, as president, and Mrs. Horatio L. Bigelow, as secretary of the Board of Managers of Noel House, have issued a card of thanks to the business men of the city and others for aid extended to the production of the "College Trio." The exact amount cleared has not yet been determined.

Pioneer Fireman Dead at Baltimore

DOVER, Del., Feb. 18.—The Rev. F. J. Reynolds, pastor of the Dover Methodist Protestant Church, has been called to Baltimore by the death of his father, William J. Reynolds, eighty-nine years old, one of the oldest original volunteers, and of later years a paid fireman, and a citizen well known in Baltimore.

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Search for Thief Who Robbed Apartments

The police today failed to get any trace of the sneak thief who entered two apartments and one house in the northwest section of the city, during the absence of members of the households, yesterday.

The home of J. T. Heck, 215 Ontario road, was entered by a duplicate key, and jewelry valued at \$50 stolen. Miss Nora L. Davis reported her apartment in the Nelson, 1733 Twentieth street northwest, entered with a duplicate key and jewelry worth \$20 taken, while the apartment of Horace J. Mack, 228 Decatur street, was entered in a similar manner, and a box containing insurance papers and several deeds to property stolen.

To Discuss Honest Money

Financiers and students of political science have been invited to the lecture to be given by William Frederick Doll, of the American Monetary Association, of New York, tomorrow evening at the College of Political Sciences of the George Washington University. "Which is money not money?" will be the basis of the talk, and what "honest money" really is will be discussed.

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